



Travel Guide | Sicily

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Welcome to Sicily

Nestled in the heart of the Mediterranean, Sicily beckons with an irresistible blend of ancient history and modern indulgence, a tapestry woven by time itself. For the discerning traveller seeking an opulent escape, Ormina Tours unveils Sicily as a treasure trove of exquisite experiences. Amidst the backdrop of breathtaking landscapes, explore archaeological marvels like the Valley of the Temples and the Greek Theatre in Taormina, each echoing tales of civilizations past. Immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of Sicilian culture, from Palermo's bustling markets to the charming streets of Cefalù. Indulge in the island's culinary artistry, where traditional flavours meet avant-garde gastronomy. With Ormina Tours, discover Sicily as a symphony of past and present, a luxurious journey that transcends time, promising an unforgettable sojourn through the cradle of Mediterranean allure.



Palermo

WHO SHOULD VISIT

Sicily welcomes those who appreciate a genuine travel experience, where authenticity, local cultural immersion, and historical wonders prevail. Amidst ancient ruins and vibrant markets, the beauty of the island thrives, offering a taste of Sicilian life untarnished by the crowds of mainland Italy. Whether wandering through historic streets or savouring traditional cuisine, visitors discover an unfiltered expression of the island's rich heritage. Escape the mainland hustle and explore the authenticity of Sicily—a haven for those yearning to connect with genuine local culture while revelling in the serenity of a less-travelled Mediterranean gem.

HOW TO GET THERE

PLANE: The most convenient way to access Sicily is by air, with two primary airports—Palermo and Catania. For a comprehensive exploration around the island, consider commencing your journey in Palermo and concluding in Catania.

FERRY & TRAIN: Accessing Sicily via boat or train is not an Ormina recommended route unless you enjoy highly independent travel, especially due to the unreliable

schedule of regional trains. Ferries to Sicily depend on various factors and are subject to weather conditions. They vary from 30min to 20 hours, depending on the departure point. You can catch a ferry to Sicily from Malta, but check the times and arrivals locations prior to booking.

CAR: Similar to the train, driving to Sicily requires boarding a ferry. However, once on the island, self-driving is ideal for exploration, and many rental companies offer flexible pickup and return locations at different airports like Palermo and Catania.

WHEN TO GO

Sicily's timeless allure extends across the calendar, offering a year-round invitation for travellers. Revel in the island's peak charm during April, May, June, and October, with milder weather, vibrant festivals, and fewer crowds. The days leading up to Easter add a tapestry of celebrations, making it a highlight worth planning around. Brace for the summer heat of July and August, where temperatures soar between 30°C—35°C. Any outdoor sightseeing in these months should be done early morning or late afternoon. September is usually the island's busiest and most expensive month, offering visitors a lively experience.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

- > Discovery of Sicily's diverse beauty requires at minimum a week-long stay. While the island may seem small, driving times are substantial, and the array of attractions—from historical wonders to scenic landscapes—demands time for a truly immersive experience.
- > In order to optimise your Sicilian adventure, we recommend staying in 3 different locations, given the vast distances between attractions. Beyond experiencing the island's diversity, this approach ensures travellers ample time to relax and enjoy the holiday by minimising time spent in transit.
- > In order to access two of Sicily's most important UNESCO-Listed Historical Sites (Valley of the Temples and Villa Romana del Casale at Piazza Armerina) you will need to stay at least 1-night in or near Agrigento as the driving distances to this part of the island are too far for a day trip.



Valley of the Temples, Agrigento



Ortigia, Syracuse

Regional Highlights

Palermo

- Guided tour including Cappella Palatina (4hr)
- Excursion to Monreale Cathedral (1.5hr)
- Full Day excursion to Cefalù or Erice and Scopello

RECOMMENDED 2-3 NIGHT STAY

Cefalù

VISIT TOWN

- Cefalù Cathedral (free)
- Climb the Roca di Cefalù (allow 2hr)
- Relax on the beach

Aeolian Islands

- Full day boat trips to Panarea & Stromboli islands
- Winery tour with lunch
- Local caper & olive farm visit

RECOMMENDED 3-4 NIGHT STAY

Erice

VISIT TOWN

- Entry to Castello di Venere
- Sample traditional Italian Pastries
- Visit nearby Scopello beach

OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT STAY

Scopello

BEACH TOWN

- Flight 1hr to Rome, Naples or Bari
- Fly 50min to Malta

Taormina

- Guided tour (3hr)
- Excursion Mt. Etna for 4WD tour & winery lunch (8hr)
- Private boat trip

RECOMMENDED 2-3 NIGHT STAY

Trapani & Marsala

DAY TRIP FROM PALERMO

- Famous Salt Pans
- WWF protected Nature Reserve
- Wine tasting with lunch



Catania

VISIT TOWN

- Guided Tour (2hr)
- Access to Airport

Selinunte

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE

- Guided Tour (2hr)

Syracuse (Ortigia)

- Guided tour with markets (2hr)
- Guided tour including archaeological sites (6hr)
- Cooking class

RECOMMENDED 2-3 NIGHT STAY

Sciacca

- Regional stay at Verdura Resort 5-star
- Access to Selinunte & Agrigento

RECOMMENDED 1-2 NIGHT STAY

Piazza Armerina

UNESCO SITE

- Tour of Villa Romana del Casale (2hr)

Noto & Modica

VISIT TOWNS

- Independant exploration (allow 1hr for each)

Agrigento

- Regional agritourism accommodation
- Access Valley of the Temples (2hr Guided Tour)

RECOMMENDED 1-2 NIGHT STAY

Ragusa

VISIT TOWN

- Guided tour (2hr)
- Visit town with lunch stop (3hr)

OPTIONAL OVERNIGHT STAY

Top Experiences

TASTE MT ETNA'S VOLCANIC WINE

Discover the vineyards of Mount Etna, where power and elegance converge in exceptional red and white wines. Nestled at elevations up to 3900 feet, these vineyards, despite Sicily's warmth, produce ripe and refreshing wines with a distinct mineral edge from Etna's volcanic soils. Explore renowned wineries, often dubbed the Burgundy of the Mediterranean, and taste the unique characteristics of Etna wines—a perfect blend of the microclimate, volcanic soil, and the frequent eruptions that make each sip an unparalleled experience. We recommend a winery tour, tasting, and lunch amid the breathtaking landscapes that shape these extraordinary wines.



CAPTURE CEFALÙ'S BEST VIEWS

Ascend to the pinnacle of Cefalù and unlock a breathtaking panorama that defines Sicilian beauty. From the heights of this charming coastal town, the azure sea meets the rugged cliffs, and the red rooftops below create a picturesque scene. The town's Norman Cathedral, dating back to the 12th century, adds a touch of medieval history to the landscape.



Family friendly

ARCHIPELAGO ADVENTURE IN THE AEOLIAN ISLANDS

Embark on an archipelago adventure in the UNESCO-listed Aeolian Islands, where volcanic landscapes, delectable cuisine, and charming traditions converge. Island-hop through this mesmerising cluster, each with its unique character. Discover the dramatic beauty of Stromboli's active volcano, indulge in Lipari's pristine beaches, and savour the local flavours. This adventure isn't just about exploring islands; it's a sensory odyssey that captures the essence of Sicilian Island life, where nature, food, and culture intertwine in harmonious magnificence.



CHOOSE A SOUVENIR IN CALTIGIRONE'S CERAMIC HAVEN

Delve into the UNESCO-recognised artisanal charm of Caltigirone, renowned for its ceramics. The town's colourful history, dating back to ancient times, is reflected in its meticulously crafted pottery. The town's iconic 142-step ceramic staircase, the Scala di Santa Maria del Monte, is a testament to the enduring artistry that has defined this ceramic haven for centuries.





SICILIAN PUPPETRY AND CULTURAL TALES

Indulge in the enchanting world of traditional Sicilian puppetry in Palermo or Catania. Puppet theatres bring historical and epic tales to life, offering a unique cultural experience. The puppetry tradition, dating back centuries, weaves together Sicilian folklore and storytelling. As you witness the lively performances, you become part of a cultural tapestry that has entertained and captivated audiences for generations.

 Family friendly

4WD EXPEDITION ON MOUNT ETNA

Embark on an exhilarating 4WD expedition up the slopes of Mount Etna, Europe's highest and most active volcano. Feel the thrill as you traverse lunar landscapes and witness the raw power of nature. This adventure is not merely a journey into the heart of volcanic activity but a visceral encounter with Sicily's dynamic spirit. The panoramic views from the summit capture the island's rugged beauty, making this expedition an unforgettable dance with the elements.



 Family friendly *age dependent*



DISCOVER ORTIGIA'S FLAVOURFUL MARKETS

Embark on a UNESCO-listed sensory journey through Ortigia's culinary markets, where the essence of Sicilian cuisine comes to life. Stroll amidst vibrant stalls overflowing with fresh produce, aromatic spices, and local delicacies. This market tour is a celebration of Sicily's gastronomic heritage, offering a kaleidoscope of colours and scents. Engage with friendly vendors, sample exquisite treats, and let the flavours of Sicily enchant your taste buds in this culinary exploration.



 Family friendly

LOCAL COOKING CLASS

Indulge your senses in the heart of Sicilian culture with a local cooking class, perfect in locations like Syracuse or Taormina. Uncover the secrets of authentic Sicilian cuisine, while immersing yourself in the vibrant local flavours, savouring the finest ingredients, and master the art of crafting traditional dishes. Beyond a culinary adventure, it's a practical skill to cherish, especially with kids, ensuring you bring the flavours of Sicily home with you.

 Family friendly

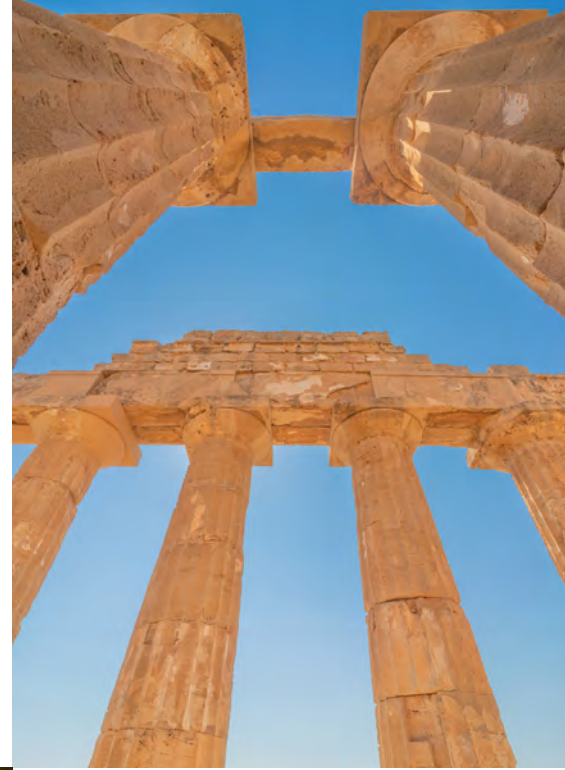
STEP INTO THE STORY OF THE MAFIA IN CORLEONE

Embark on a captivating journey into the heart of Sicily's Mafia history in Corleone. This immersive experience, offering insights into the world many know depicted in "The Godfather". Explore the Anti-Mafia Museum, dedicated to justice and awareness. Corleone, with its rich yet tumultuous history, unveils the struggles and triumphs against organised crime, offering a poignant glimpse into Sicily's enduring spirit and the pursuit of justice.

Must-See Historical Sites

ROAM THE VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES

Explore the UNESCO-listed Valley of the Temples in Agrigento, a testament to Sicily's ancient grandeur. Founded in the 6th century B.C., Agrigento stood as a Mediterranean powerhouse, evident in the remarkable Doric temples that dominate the landscape. Embark on a guided sightseeing tour to unearth the archaeological marvels, including Hellenistic and Roman remains, offering a glimpse into the city's rich history and the burial practices of early Christian inhabitants. Recognised by UNESCO for Outstanding Universal Value, the temples stand as extraordinary representations of Greek civilization in its exceptionally preserved condition.



EXPLORE VILLA ROMANA DEL CASALE

Embark on a journey through time at the UNESCO-listed Villa Romana del Casale in Piazza Armerina. This Roman estate, symbolizing the empire's rural economy, unveils opulence in every room. Explore the extraordinary mosaics, among the finest in the Roman world, vividly depicting daily life. Built for luxury, this villa stands as the supreme example of its kind, offering a profound insight into the social and economic structure of ancient Rome. Immerse yourself in this living mosaic with a guided sightseeing tour to discover a captivating testament to the artistic brilliance of a bygone era.



DISCOVER ROYALTY IN PALERMO

Step into the pages of Sicily's royal history at the Norman Palace in Palermo, a UNESCO-listed masterpiece dating from the Norman kingdom of Sicily (1130-1194). This regal palace, part of the broader Arab-Norman ensemble, stands as a symbol of medieval grandeur. Adorned with exquisite mosaics, including the Palatine Chapel. Wander through opulent halls and gardens, immersing yourself in the legacy of Norman rule. Recognised for Outstanding Universal Value, this architectural marvel testifies to the fruitful coexistence of diverse cultures, creating a unique blend of Western, Islamic, and Byzantine influences.



UNBEATABLE VIEWS AT TAORMINA'S GREEK AMPHITHEATRE

You won't find a better view than at Taormina's Greek Amphitheatre, a majestic relic perched on Mount Taurus and overlooking the Ionian Sea. Dug out of the rock in the 3rd century B.C., this ancient amphitheatre showcases Greek grandeur against the stunning backdrop of Mount Etna. Its design allows for perfect acoustics in every corner. Once adapted for gladiator games, it fell into disuse after the fall of the Western Empire. Rediscovered in the post-war era, this theatre now hosts diverse entertainment, from symphonies and operas to theatre works and concerts. Lucky visitors may witness performances by renowned artists like Andrea Bocelli, adding a modern touch to this ancient marvel.



Preferred Hotels

From grand palaces to intimate hideaways, from restored monasteries to modern boutique properties, from country chateaus to seaside resorts, all hotels featured in Ormina Tours' itineraries have been meticulously handpicked for their unparalleled hospitality offering, comfort, location and uniqueness.



OUR AMBASSADOR HOTEL PARTNERS

Indulge in a remarkable selection of Europe's finest accommodations through Ormina Tours prestigious member network of Ambassador Properties. Handpicked for their unrivalled quality, we are honoured to represent these exquisite establishments in Australia and New Zealand.

By booking these exceptional hotels with Ormina Tours, you unlock a world of exclusive privileges that vary between the properties that include:

- Access to member rate discounts and availability,
- Complimentary room upgrade upon check-in,*
- Allocation of the best room in a chosen room or suite category,*
- Flexibility of early check-in and late checkout,*
- Welcome drink upon arrival or complimentary wine bottle in the room,
- Discounts on in-house restaurant and spa treatments, and
- Insider knowledge of each property by the Ormina Tours team.

*Subject to availability upon check-in.



TAORMINA – Grand Hotel San Pietro, 5-star

Housed in a magnificent 1900s Villa perched on Taormina's cliff-face with breathtaking and uninterrupted sea views, this boutique 63-room property's 2024 transformational refurbishment has delivered Taormina's best value 5-star luxurious hotel, without compromise. Its fresh, refined and elegant Colonial style is contemporary, but has definite 'wow' factor from lobby entry through to its rooms and amazing amenities, that include a sweeping terraced gourmet restaurant and pool with spa and sauna.



MOUNT ETNA – Monaci delle Terre Nere, 5-star

Escape to Monaci delle Terre Nere, a 5-star wine resort harmonising nature and luxury on the slopes of Mount Etna. Set in a 25-hectare estate with a 1700s villa at its heart, this magical retreat offers exclusive, independent homes with breathtaking views of Etna, vineyards, and the Ionian Sea. Immerse yourself in eco-conscious serenity, exploring the expansive farm, vineyards, hilltop villas, and orchards. With a commitment to sustainability, each suite reflects a blend of Sicilian charm and modern comfort.



PALERMO – Grand Hotel et des Palmes, 5-star

Lose yourself in the magnificent corridors, opulent hallways, and elegant interiors of this 5-star property, which seamlessly blends history with contemporary style. From frescoed ceilings to the original Art Nouveau windows and the charming Winter Garden, every corner pays homage to its architectural legacy. Experience the perfect fusion of historical heritage and modern design, transporting you to a bygone era of elegance.



SCIACCA – Verdura Resort, A Rocco Forte Hotel, 5-star

With 230 hectares of stunning landscape and 1.8km of private coastline for its 203 rooms and suites, the resort redefines the concepts of space and privacy. All rooms have terraces and uninterrupted seaviews and the Olga Polizzi-designed interiors combine modern luxury with authentic Sicilian motifs. With an exceptional spa, golf course and dining options, this award-winning resort is breath taking.

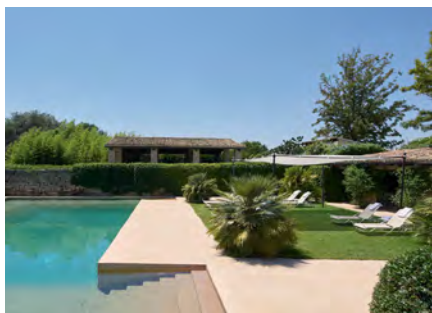
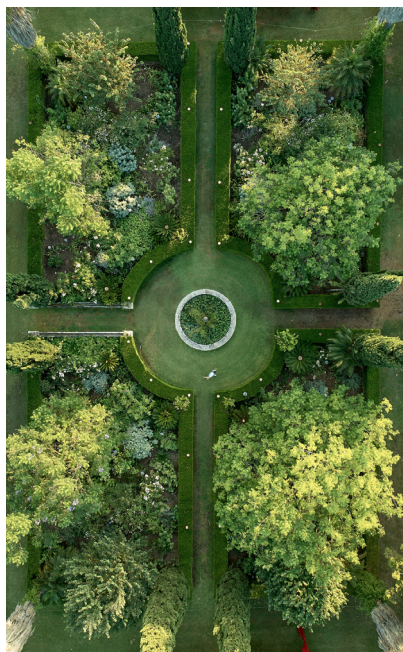
ULTIMATE LUXURY, CULTURAL IMMERSION

An Insider Sicilian Experience

Imagine waking up in a breathtaking Sicilian villa, surrounded by stunning historical gardens. Ormina Insiders is more than just a luxury retreat—it's your gateway to living like a local, experiencing the essence of Sicily with a community of like-minded travellers. Here, the rhythm of life slows, allowing you to indulge in the island's most authentic treasures, all while wrapped in unparalleled comfort and sophistication.

Born from a vision to create journeys that transcend the ordinary, Ormina Insiders represents the pinnacle of curated travel. Each experience is meticulously crafted—from exquisite villa stays and gourmet feasts to tailored cultural encounters and hidden adventures. Whether it's sipping the region's finest wines, discovering Sicily's timeless charm, or connecting over shared stories, every moment is designed to inspire and delight.

This is your invitation to join an exclusive circle of adventurers who celebrate life's finest moments in extraordinary ways. Welcome to Ormina Insiders: where luxury meets authenticity, and memories are made to last a lifetime.



Highlights & Inclusions

- > All meals included, prepared by your private chef
- > Arrival and departure transfers from Catania
- > Special occasion opening and closing dinners
- > Cooking Class hosted at the villa
- > Full day private excursion to Ortigia (Syracuse) with guided walking tour and market visit
- > Full day excursion to Mt Etna with 4WD experience & farmhouse winery lunch
- > Authentic ceramics course hosted at the villa
- > Excursion to the UNESCO site of Pantalica a settlement of the 13th century BC bronze age
- > Visit and lunch at a local olive oil and soap mill
- > Use of SPA at villa with option to book massages
- > Ample leisure time to relax by the pool and soak in the experience together
- > All gratuities included

Indulge your Senses

Stepping through the blue gate, you will be greeted by sweeping views of nature and the picturesque countryside. Every corner of the majestic villa exudes an enchanting atmosphere, inviting you to immerse yourself in the villa's timeless charm. What sets Commenda di San Calogero apart is not just its luxurious amenities and stunning surroundings, but also the passion and expertise poured into its restoration. Commenda di San Calogero stands as a testament to generations of dedication and love for preserving Sicily's rich heritage.

\$9,490 AUD
per person,
twin share



23–30 AUGUST 2025
SICILY, ITALY

Sunday, 24 August

Villa Day (B, L, D)

Start your day with a leisurely breakfast followed by a Sicilian cooking class led by a local chef. After lunch, take a guided tour of the villa's historic grounds and gardens. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure before a gourmet dinner in a beautiful villa setting, with optional activities into the night.

Monday, 25 August

Villa – Mt Etna (B, L, D)

Embark on an extraordinary day with a visit to Mt Etna, Europe's largest active volcano. Discover the medieval charm of Castiglione di Sicilia, followed by a delightful lunch and wine tasting at a renowned Etna winery. Return to the villa to relax and enjoy a chef-prepared dinner.

Tuesday, 26 August

Villa Day (B, L, D)

After breakfast, partake in a ceramics workshop led by a local artisan. Following lunch, indulge in the villa's Turkish spa and sauna. Guests are also able to book in additional services such as massages upon request. The day closes with a spectacular dinner, cocktails, and an evening of curated activities under the stars.

Wednesday, 27 August

Villa – Syracuse – Villa (B, L)

After a light breakfast, enjoy a lavish brunch at the villa before heading to Syracuse. Take time to explore, shop or relax in the sun in this ancient city before an afternoon guided tour. Relish the vibrant

evening atmosphere and dine at a local restaurant before returning to the villa for a restful night.

Thursday, 28 August

Villa – Pantalica – Villa (B, L, D)

A morning guided tour will take you to the breathtaking UNESCO-listed Necropolis of Pantalica. Experience an olive oil tasting and brunch in a scenic locale, followed by a soap making workshop. Return for a relaxing afternoon back at the villa. End the day with a delightful dinner prepared by the villa chef, savouring the best of Sicilian cuisine.

Friday, 29 August

Villa Day (B, L, D)

Savour your final full day at the villa. Unwind with panoramic views of the sea and the estate's historic gardens and enjoy time by the pool. In the evening, enjoy a Closing dinner with a local twist.

Saturday, 30 August

Depart Villa (B)

Enjoy your final morning before a private transfer to Catania. Drop-offs available at the airport or city centre.

Guests must leave the villa by 10:00AM sharp.

The Itinerary

Saturday, 23 August

Arrival in Catania – Villa (D)

Meet in Catania at 3:00PM for the transfer to your exclusive villa retreat. Upon arrival, enjoy a welcome cocktail and explore the stunning estate and settle in. Your evening begins with an elegant welcome dinner, hosted in the enchanting gardens.

Room options: Double or Twin room / Single Use Room (single supplement \$4,700) / Single Share Room (subject to availability)

SICILY 2025 TOUR GUIDE



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ITINERARY				
Duration	10 days	10 days	10 days	10 days
Hotel Class	5 & 4 star with room upgrade	5 star only	3 & 4 star only	4 star only
# 1 night stays	0 NO 1 NIGHT STAYS	1	3	3
Maximum size	10 SMALLEST GROUP	24	18	~44 (Standard), ~26 ('Small Group')
Minimum size	2 BOOKING CONFIDENCE	10	At discretion of Back-Roads Touring Co.	At discretion of Globus, minimum 50%
PRICE				
Twin share pp (from)	\$7,890	\$12,890	\$5,899	\$4,199
Per day pp (from)	\$789 BEST VALUE TOUR	\$1,289	\$590	\$420
INCLUSIONS				
Airport Transfer:	✓ ARR	✓ ARR & DEP	x	x
Hotels:				
Palermo	Grand Hotel et des Palmes 5* (3N)	Grand Hotel et des Palmes 5* (2N)	Hotel Plaza Opéra 4* (1N)	Mercure Palermo Centro 4* (2N)
Selinunte			Agriturismo Case di Latomie 4* (1N)	
Mazara del Vallo				Hotel Mahara 4* (1N)
Sciacca/Agrigento	Verdura Resort 5* (2N)	Verdura Resort 5* (1N)	Alba Palace Hotel 4* (1N) (9km outside Agrigento in Favara)	Hotel Della Valle 4* (1N)
Syracuse/ Ortigia	Palazzo Artemide 4* (2N)	Grand Hotel Ortigia 5* (2N)	Hotel Domus Mariae Benessere 3* (2N)	Mercure Siracusa Prometeo 4*(1N)
Ragusa		Eremo Della Giubiliana 5* (2N) (14km outside Ragusa centre)	Hotel Antico Convento dei Cappuccini 4* (2N)	Poggio Del Sole Resort 4* (2N) (10km outside Ragusa centre)
Taormina	Grand Hotel San Pietro 5* (2N)	Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea 5* (2N)	Il Picciolo Etna Golf Resort & Spa (2N) (36km outside Taormina)	Hellenia Yachting Hotel 4* (2N) (8km outside Taormina)
Half day guided tours	6	8	8	8
Leisure time (half days)**	7	5	5	5
SUMMARY				
	High quality hotels, No 1N stays, smallest group sizes, smallest minimum departure, comparable sightseeing but more leisure time (better constructed) = Best value.	Price is 63% more than Ormina but with 24 group size, comparable hotels & similar non-meal inclusions.	More economically priced per day but inferior hotels, faster paced trip with 3 x 1N stays, no overnight stay in Taormina and larger group size.	Lowest price but inferior hotels, numerous 1N stays and very big group sizes, even on 'small group' departures (avg 20-26 guests).
Also note:	Erice/Marsala can be done pre tour. Unique Mt Etna 4WD excursion included.	Corleone and Castelbuono not included.	More focus on tasting experiences.	No visit to Mt Etna. Small Group Discovery only available on select departure dates and costs from \$5,509.

Best Value is based on all tour inclusions, hotel standard, and maximum group size. Comparison based on competitors published itinerary at time of comparison.

**Includes day of arrival, excludes departure day. Comparison prices are twin share (not single). Information based off 2025 published tours.

Sicily Bella SMALL GROUP JOURNEY

10 DAYS

Beautiful Sicily – historic, bountiful and diverse. Discover the Mediterranean’s largest island with its stunning coastline, rugged mountains, rich agriculture, active volcano, ancient ruins, historic villages and warm hospitality. This journey shall leave you breathless from her bountiful beauty, amazed by her contrasts and fulfilled by the discovery of an island that has attracted civilisations for over three thousand years.



Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Visit 'must see' towns of Palermo, Cefalù, Ortigia, Caltagirone, Ragusa and Taormina.
- > 9 nights in exquisite hotels.
- > 9 breakfasts (B), 2 lunches (L), 1 dinner (D).
- > Guided sightseeing tours of Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples, Villa Romana del Casale and Ragusa.
- > Lunch, wine tasting and a winery tour at a renowned winery near Sciacca.
- > Guided tour of Mt Etna with four-wheel drives and Mt Etna winery lunch.
- > Tastings of Palermo street food and pastries at a popular patisserie.
- > Entrance to the Cappella Palatina, Monreale Cathedral, Corleone's Anti-Mafia Museum, Valley of the Temples and Villa Romana del Casale.
- > Visit 5 UNESCO World Heritage Listed sites: Arab-Norman Palermo including Monreale Cathedral, Agrigento's archaeological area, Villa Romana del Casale, Baroque towns of Val di Noto and Mt Etna.
- > Deluxe VIP transport.
- > Arrival transfer on the first day.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

TOUR FOCUS



5-Star
Luxury



Natural
Beauty



Archaeological
Sites



Art &
Architecture



Towns &
Villages



Cefalù, Sicily

DAY 1 Palermo (D)

Welcome to Sicily Bella, a journey delivering Sicily's best landscapes, attractions and authentic experiences. On arrival, transfer to your hotel before enjoying a welcome dinner.

STAY **3** NIGHTS: Grand Hotel et des Palmes 5-star or similar

DAY 2 Palermo – Monreale – Palermo (B)

Enjoy a guided tour of historic Palermo, founded in 734BC. Visit her main attractions including the UNESCO listed Palermo Cathedral, Palace Normanni, Palatine Chapel and Monreale Cathedral; as well as San Giovanni degli Eremiti church and Ballarò market. In the mid-afternoon, you have leisure time to perhaps visit Cappuccini Catacombs, Teatro Massimo or join locals for 'la passeggiata' or late afternoon stroll through the city's streets.



Ragusa, Sicily

Coast of Ortigia Island, Syracuse

Taormina, Sicily

DAY 3 Palermo – Castelbuono – Cefalù – Palermo (B)

Venture to the quaint village of Castelbuono in the Madonie Natural Park to enjoy a tasting of the traditional Italian panettone with a Sicilian twist from a popular family patisserie. Afterward, visit the amazing seaside town of Cefalù, nestled between the Tyrrhenian Sea and a distinctive precipitous rock. Stroll the cobbled streets, climb the stairs of La Rocca for a breath-taking view or dine at one of the many wonderful restaurants by the sea.

DAY 4 Palermo – Corleone – Sciacca (B, L)

Visit Corleone, a town once surrounded by defensive walls that connected the Castello Soprano and Sottano Castles and infamous for being the birthplace of several mafia bosses. Enjoy a short visit to the Anti-Mafia Museum, before lunch and wine tasting at a local winery. Afterward, continue to your luxurious hotel near Sciacca.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Verdura Resort, A Rocco Forte Hotel 5-star or similar

DAY 5 Sciacca – Agrigento – Sciacca (B)

Enjoy a guided tour of Agrigento's amazing UNESCO World Heritage Listed 'Valley of the Temples' featuring the largest and best-preserved Greek temples outside of Greece. The remarkable ruins date back to the 6th century BC; an era occupied by the richest and most famous Greek colony. The afternoon is yours to relax at your resort hotel or enjoy leisure time in the seaside fishing village of Sciacca.

DAY 6 Sciacca – Piazza Armerina – Caltagirone – Syracuse (B)

Depart for Villa Romana del Casale, the UNESCO World Heritage Listed 4th century villa featuring the world's most impressive collection of Roman mosaics. After a guided tour, continue to one of the eight towns forming part of the UNESCO World Heritage Listed 'Late Baroque Towns of the Val di Noto.' Caltagirone is also known for its pottery and ceramic craftsman. Afterward, continue to the seaside town of Syracuse to check into another amazing hotel in the beautiful old town of Ortigia.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Palazzo Artemide 4-star or similar

DAY 7 Syracuse (B)

Enjoy the day at leisure to explore Syracuse's old town of Ortigia. The town is celebrated with a UNESCO World Heritage Listing for its architectural creation of Greek, Roman and Baroque influences. Options include a visit to Ortigia's morning market, Syracuse's amazing Neapolis Archaeological Park, Syracuse Cathedral, Castello Maniace; swimming in Ortigia's blue sea; or stroll the trendy pedestrian streets of Via Roma, Piazza Minerva and Piazza Duomo.

DAY 8 Syracuse – Ragusa – Taormina (B)

Depart Syracuse for a visit to the Val di Noto region renowned for its Baroque architecture. Discover Ragusa with a short architectural tour of its more significant buildings, before arriving to the beautiful resort town of Taormina.

STAY 2 NIGHTS: Grand Hotel San Pietro 5-star or similar

DAY 9 Taormina – Mt Etna – Taormina (B, L)

Enjoy a special excursion onto Mt Etna, the largest active volcano in Europe, utilising a four-wheel drive to get close to the craters. Afterward, enjoy a closing tour lunch and wine tasting at a Mt Etna winery before returning to Taormina. The rest of the day is yours to stroll the cobbled streets, shop in its trendy boutiques or visit the stunning Teatro Greco amphitheatre.

DAY 10 Taormina (B)

If you are not extending your stay with us in Taormina or to the Aeolian Islands, your tour ends on hotel check-out.

Departures and Pricing

2025

STARTS	ENDS	PRICE*	
Palermo	Taormina	Twin Share per person	
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19-Sep-25	28-Sep-25	\$8,290	SELLING FAST
1-Oct-25	10-Oct-25	\$8,290	SELLING FAST
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